

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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7. (New) A gas bag for a lateral collision protection device comprising:  
at least one protection chamber which serves to cushion a vehicle occupant in a filled state,  
an overflow chamber which is connected to the protection chamber via an overflow line, and  
a run-off opening is provided in the overflow chamber,  
wherein the gas which is situated in the gas bag flows from the protection chamber via the overflow line into the overflow chamber and leaves the gas bag there via the run-off opening.

8. (New) The gas bag as claimed in claim 7, wherein the gas bag comprises coated and/or laminated woven fabric.

9. (New) The gas bag as claimed in claim 7, wherein the gas bag has a plurality of overflow chambers.

10. (New) The gas bag as claimed in claim 7, wherein the overflow chamber is connected to the protection chamber via a plurality of overflow lines.

11. (New) The gas bag as claimed in claim 9, wherein the magnitude of the cross section of the overflow line and the magnitude of the run-off opening are adapted to one another.

12. (New) The gas bag as claimed in claim 11, wherein the cross-section of the overflow line is approximately the same as the cross-section of the run-off opening.